No. R-472. House concurrent resolution congratulating Katie Thompson of Franklin on being named the 2016 Vermont Mother of the Year.

(H.C.R.392)

Offered by: Representatives Branagan of Georgia, Beyor of Highgate, Connor of Fairfield, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Fiske of Enosburgh, Gamache of Swanton, Keenan of St. Albans City, Murphy of Fairfax, Pearce of Richford, and Savage of Swanton

Offered by: Senator Degree

Whereas, the American Mothers, Inc. organization "is dedicated to improving the lives of mothers and children in the US and around the world," and

Whereas, proudly "MomStrong," American Mothers is the official sponsor of Mother's Day and of the Mother of the Year program, which selects, in each state as well as nationally, a woman to honor, whose life exemplifies the best qualities of motherhood, and

Whereas, American Mothers has selected Katie Thompson of Franklin as the 2016 Vermont Mother of the Year, and

Whereas, Katie Thompson is the mother of two daughters and a son and, as a young mother, persevered through many challenges, and

Whereas, she is a loving and caring mom, who has coped with the health issues facing one of her daughters, and

Whereas, in the past year, Katie Thompson has engaged in an independent business venture, dedicating considerable time and effort to maximizing this career opportunity, and

Whereas, because she has focused strongly on the goal of providing a better life for her children, Katie Thompson has risen quickly to the top of the organization associated with her business venture, and

<u>Whereas</u>, Katie Thompson is a mother who inspires and is a wonderful role model for other mothers who confront challenges in their lives, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Katie Thompson of Franklin on being named the 2016 Vermont Mother of the Year, and be it further

<u>Resolved</u>: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Katie Thompson.